

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A content on demand system comprising:

logic to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers indicating a position in the at least one stream; and logic to receive from a set top box a marker for an audio and/or video stream for which the set top box has paused or suspended viewing, and upon a signal from the set top box to resume streaming of the audio and/or video stream from a position proximate to the marker.

2. A content on demand system comprising:

logic to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers indicating a rating of content of the stream proximate to a position of the marker.

3. A content on demand system comprising:

logic to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers indicating a proximity to advertisements in the at least one stream.

4. A set top box comprising:

logic to scan an audio and/or video stream for markers; and when one or more markers indicate a restricting condition, inhibiting rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream according to the restricting condition.

5. The set top box of claim 4, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an end of the audio and/or video stream.

6. The set top box of claim 4, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an advertisement in the audio and/or video stream.

7. The set top box of claim 4, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: a rating of content of the audio and/or video stream.

8. The set top box of claim 4, wherein the logic to inhibit rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises: logic to inhibit at least one of fast forward, rewind, pausing, skipping, or playing of the audio and/or video stream.

9. The set top box of claim 4, wherein logic to inhibit rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises: logic to inhibit at least one of viewing or listening of the audio and/or video stream when the rating is mature content.

10. The set top box of claim 4, further comprising: logic to terminate rendering of the audio and/or video stream when an insufficient number of markers are detected within a time interval.

11. The set top box of claim 10, further comprising: logic to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream when a marker indicating an end to the restricting condition is encountered in the audio and/or video stream.

12. The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an end of the audio and/or video stream.

13. The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an advertisement in the audio and/or video stream.

14. The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: a rating of content of the audio and/or video stream.

15. The set top box of claim 11, wherein the logic to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises:
the logic to enable at least one of fast forward, rewind, pausing, skipping, or playing of the audio and/or video stream.

16. The set top box of claim 11, wherein the logic to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises:
the logic to enable at least one of viewing or listening of the audio and/or video stream when the rating is no longer mature content.